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SUBJECT:LETTER TO LLOYD SOMMERLAD, UNESCO REGIONAL COMMUNICATION ADVISER

- 1. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE POST PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. SOMMERLAD ASAP:
- 2. DEAR MR. SOMMERLAD: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE FORMATION OF AN ASIAN NEWS NETWORK, AN UNDERTAKING WHICH WE UNDERSTAND YOU ARE PURSUING IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE ON NEWS AGENCIES LAST DECEMBER AND RESOLUTION 4.142 ADOPTED AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1976.
- 3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TWO PLANNING MEETINGS HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN HELD IN TEHRAN, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THEIR OUTCOME. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE OR COOPERATION IF A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT CAN BE PUT TOGETHER. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE WONDERING IF YOU WILL BE ADVANCING A FUNDS-IN-TRUST PROPOSAL IN WHICH WE MIGHT CONSIDER PARTICIPATION.

- 4. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATION POLICIES NEXT MONTH, AND IF TIME PERMITS HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH YOU IN GREATER DETAIL ON THESE PROSPECTS. IF YOU COULD FURNISH US WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION AND TENTATIVE PLANS, HE COULD DISCUSS THESE WITH YOU IN MORE CONCRETE TERMS AT THAT TIME. SINCERELY YOURS, /S/ CONSTANTINE WARVARIV, DIRECTOR FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
- 4. FOR PARIS: AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, PERMDEL MAY SHARE THIS WITH MARY RICHARDSON, PIERRE NAVAUX, AND HAMDY KANDIL. CHRISTOPHER

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